

PROGRAMME OF THE SHANGHAI SPRING RACE MEETING.

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND THURSDAY.
1ST, 2ND AND 3RD MAY, 1888.

Stewards—J. M. Ringer, Esq.; W. Howie, Esq.; A. McLeod, Esq.; Jno. MacGregor, Esq.; O. Schuffenhauer, Esq.; H. E. Hobson, Esq.; L. Suddler, Esq. Clerk of the Course—E. H. Gore-Booth, Esq. Secretary—Barnes Dallas Esq.

FIRST DAY.—TUESDAY, 1ST MAY.

The HART LEGACY CUP, presented by the late James Hart, Esq., value, Tls. 100; for China Ponies; weight for inches as per scale; entrance, Tls. 5. Half-a-Mile.

The CRITERION STAKES, a sweepstakes of Tls. 10 each, with Tls. 100 added; for China Ponies; weight for inches as per scale; Second Pony to save his stake. One Mile.

The GRIFFIN'S PLATE, value, Tls. 250; for China Ponies that have never run at any Meeting; Second Pony, Tls. 50; weight for inches as per scale; entrance, Tls. 5. Three Quarters of a Mile.

The CATHAY CUP, value, Tls. 150; for China Ponies; weight for inches as per scale; Griffins at the date of entry allowed 7 lbs.; entrance, Tls. 5. One Mile and a Half.

The JOCKEY CUP, value, Tls. 100; for China Ponies that have never won a Race; to be ridden by Jockeys who have never had a winning mount before this Meeting; weight for inches as per scale; entrance, Tls. 5. Three Quarters of a Mile.

The KIANGSU PLATE, value, Tls. 150; for China Ponies; weight for inches as per scale; entrance, Tls. 5. On Mile and Three-Quarters.

The RACING STAKES, a Sweepstakes of Tls. 10 each; for China Ponies that have never run before 1st January, 1888; Griffins at date of entry allowed 5 lbs.; weight for inches as per scale; winners 5 lbs. extra. One Mile and a Quarter.

The ROADSTERS' PLATE, value, Tls. 100; for China Ponies (without restriction to height) not otherwise entered at this Meeting, and that have never won a Race; weight, 12 lbs.; entrance, Tls. 5. One Round.

SECOND DAY.—WEDNESDAY, 2ND MAY.

The CHU-KA-ZA CUP, value, Tls. 100; for China Ponies; weight for inches as per scale; winners of one Race since 1st October, 1887, 7 lbs. extra; two or more Races, 10 lbs. extra; entrance, Tls. 5. Half-a-Mile.

The SHANGHAI DERBY, a sweepstakes of Tls. 10 each, with Tls. 100 added; for China Ponies being bona fide Griffins at date of entry; first Pony to receive 75 per cent.; second Pony, 15 per cent.; third Pony, 10 per cent.; weight for inches as per scale; entrance, Tls. 5. One Mile and a Half.

The LADIES' PURSE, value, —; for China Ponies; weight for inches as per scale; entrance, Tls. 5. One Mile and a Quarter.

The RACE CLUB CUP, value, Tls. 150; for China Ponies; weight for inches as per scale; winners at this Meeting of a Race of one mile or under, to carry 5 lbs. extra; over a mile, 7 lbs. extra; penalties accumulative up to 10 lbs.; entrance, Tls. 5. Two Miles.

The CONCORDIA CUP, value, Tls. —; presented by Members of the Club Concordia added to a Sweepstakes of Tls. 10 each; second Pony to receive 40 per cent.; third Pony, 10 per cent. of the Stakes; for China Ponies, bona fide Griffins at date of entry; weight for inches as per scale; winner of the Derby, 7 lbs. extra. One Mile and a Half.

The SPRING CUP, value, Tls. 100, added to a Sweepstakes of Tls. 10 each, less Tls. 50 to the second Pony; for China Ponies that have never won a Race; weight, 11st. for 13 hands; to give or take 6 lbs. for every inch over or under. One Mile.

The SHANGHAI STAKES, a forced entry of Tls. 5 for all Ponies, except those entered in the Roadsters' Plate; first Pony to receive 75 per cent.; second Pony, 15 per cent.; third Pony, 10 per cent. Weight for inches as per scale. One Mile and a Half.

The TAO-TAI'S CUP, value, Tls. —; presented by H. E. the Tao-tai, for China Ponies; weight, 12st. Winners at this Meeting 5 lb. extra; entrance, Tls. 5. One Mile.

THIRD DAY.—THURSDAY, 3RD MAY.

The LAH-DE-DAH CUP, value, Tls. 200; presented, added to a Sweepstakes of Tls. 10 each; second Pony to receive 30 per cent., and the third Pony 10 per cent. of the Stakes; for China Ponies; weight for inches as per scale; Griffins at date of entry allowed 7 lb. Winners, 7 lb. extra. One Mile and a Half.

The GREAT NORTHERN PLATE, value, Tls. 100; for ponies that have run at this Meeting; weight for inches as per scale; winners of one race at this Meeting under a mile, 7 lb. extra; two such races, 10 lb. extra; entrance, Tls. 5. Seven Furlongs.

The MANCHU STAKES, value Tls. 100; for China Ponies, bona fide Griffins at date of entry, that have run and not won a race; weight for inches as per scale; entrance, Tls. 5. One Mile and a Quarter.

The CHAU-SHANG-KIUK CUP, value, Tls. —; presented by the Directors and Employers of the C. M. S. N. Co., for China Ponies that have never run at any Meeting in China or Hongkong previous to date of entry at each Meeting; to be run at two consecutive Meetings, or three times in all, by ponies, the bona fide property of the same owner or owners; weight for inches as per scale; Entrance, Tls. 10; 80 per cent. of the Entrance fees to go to the Winner until the Cup is won, when the second Pony shall receive same; the remaining 20 per cent. to be allowed to accumulate, and the accumulation in excess of Tls. 500 to be retained for a new Cup to be paid to the Winner. One Mile.

The YANTZEE STAKES, value, Tls. 100; for China Ponies; weight for inches as per scale; Winner of a Race of two Miles or over, 5 lbs. extra; Entrance, Tls. 5. Two Miles and a Half.

The CONSOLATION CUP, value, Tls. 100; for Ponies that have run at this Meeting and not won a Race; weight for inches as per scale; Entrance, Tls. 5. Once Round.

The CHAMPION SWEEPSTAKES, a forced entry for and open only to Winners at this Meeting; optional for the Winners of the Consolation Cup and the Roadsters' Plate, not exceeding 14 hands 3 inches in height, weight for inches as per scale; entrance, Tls. 10; winners of two Races, Tls. 15 extra; of more than two Races Tls. 40 extra. One Mile and a Quarter.

The GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE, value, Tls. 150; for China Ponies; weight for inches as per scale; winners of a Steeplechase at any previous Meeting in Shanghai, 5 lb. extra. Non-winners of a Steeplechase allowed 5 lb. entrance, Tls. 5. Twice Round. A Course selected by the Stewards.

Entrance close on Saturday, 4th April, 1888.

AMERICAN TELEGRAMS.

BERLIN, February 18th.

Prince Bismarck has obtained from Count Shouvaloff, the Russian Ambassador here, a definite declaration of the Russian demands with reference to Bulgaria. No secret is made of the exact character of the proposals, nor of the official opinion that they will be summarily rejected. The Russian asks a substantial recognition of the rights of Russia to control Bulgaria and Roumania. Prince Bismarck and the German Government are to be wiped out, and a Russian Commissioner, with a Turkish colleague, is to reorganise the Government and army, and control the election for a new Sobranje. Russia further claims the right to occupy the principality until the Russian Government to withdraw his troops. The impossible nature of these demands aggravates the situation. It is reported that Prince Bismarck has advised Count Shouvaloff to urge the Russian Government to refrain from officially presenting them to Austria, on the ground that they would certainly meet with peremptory rejection without discussion.

The military preparations of Austria and Germany now approach a condition of readiness. As an adjunct to the treaty of alliance a plan has been agreed upon for the co-operation of the allied forces. When the campaign opens there will be three armies in the field, one consisting of the First or East Prussian Corps, the Fourth or West Prussian Corps, the Fifth or Posen Corps, and the Sixth or Silesian Corps, and will be under the command of Prince William. The second army, led by the King of Saxony, will consist of the Saxon contingent and the Austrian corps stationed in Galicia and Bohemia. The third army, under Archduke Albert of Austria, will be composed of the bulk of the Hungarian and Austrian troops, and will be under the command of Prince William.

The acceleration of Italian naval preparations is due to urgent representations from Berlin, and details supplied to the War Office confirms the reports of intense activity in Italian arsenals. The German officers who were sent to assist in the preparations, report favorably on the concentration of the Italian naval forces at three centers, Messina, Taranto and Maddalena. On the island of Maddalena, which is off the north-east coast of Sardinia, a new arsenal has been established. The heaviest Krupp guns are being mounted at these points. Extensive fort works are constructed at Maddalena which is designed to be the rendezvous of the fleet operating against the coast of France.

LONDON, February 18th.

Much uneasiness prevails in political circles. Colonel Ponsonby, the Queen's private secretary, has recently paid several visits to Lord Salisbury and W. H. Smith, the Government leader in the House of Commons. Such visits are unusual except when a crisis is imminent. After the Cabinet Council to-day, Balfour, the Chief Secretary for Ireland, walked to the Irish Office. He was evidently greatly excited. Although the weather was bitterly cold he was hatless and walked with his hands clasped to his head. He was followed by detectives.

DUBLIN, February 21st.

Parnell has refused to accept Gill's resignation of his seat in the House of Commons, for Lime-lick City, but will allow him a special leave to enable him to attend to his private business. Evictions are proceeding at Glenhilly, County Kerry.

The *Express* (Conservative organ) says that Lord Londonderry, Lord Lieutenant of the County of Leinster, and will probably resign his office.

BERLIN, February 21st.

The Emperor last evening attended the performance of "Don Juan," which was given by royal command. The proceeds are to be devoted to the Mozart monument fund, now being raised at Vienna.

CLYDE, February 21st.

Ship-owners held a meeting to-day to discuss the business outlook. It was shown that a gloomy view of ship-building prospects was generally held. Allan predicted a total collapse before the year was ended.

LONDON, February 21st.

A dispatch from Vienna says: Count Kalnoky, Minister of Foreign Affairs, has accepted Russia's overtures for the settlement of the Bulgarian question. He trusts that Italy and England will follow suit.

In the Commons this evening, Bradlaugh made a personal explanation regarding the correspondence in which Lord Salisbury appeared to charge him with corruption and perjury. He said Salisbury's solicitor denied his responsibility, that the Government refused to grant a committee of inquiry, and he hoped the House would allow no further responsibility to rest upon him.

Cameron (Radical) in the debate on the address, moved the adoption of the amendment censuring the absence from the Queen's speech of all reference to the distress prevailing in the Highlands of Scotland.

The Government Speaker contended that the Crofters Districts were overpopulated, and that relief ought to be sought in immigration.

The Belgian Government has secured for about 100,000 francs the collection of modern pictures formed by the late M. Van Praet, the statesman and historian. It comprises some of the best works of Millet, Troyon, Rousseau, K. Corst and Delacroix. The collection will soon be put in the Brussels Museum, in a special room. A Paris dealer offered 160,000 francs for the lot, but the heirs were patriotic enough to sell to their own Government at a lower price.

ST. PETERSBURG, February 21st.

Count Tolstoi, Minister of the Interior, has submitted to the Ministry a bill to prohibit peasant proprietors from selling the holdings granted to the latter, when serfdom was abolished.

DUBLIN, February 21st.

The Land Commission has reduced the rents in Donegal, 25 per cent. on an average. Several landlords in the Glenties District in Donegal have reduced rents 40 per cent., and the concession has had a good effect.

LONDON, February 21st.

A dispatch from Berlin says Prince Bismarck submitted the Regency Bill to the Emperor to-day. The text of the measure has not been made public.

Wallace Ross won the road-scullers' cycling match yesterday. The scores were: Ross 330 miles, East 325, Corcoran 324, Godwin 285.

The Association of the Chambers of Commerce of the United Kingdom unanimously passed a resolution advocating an arbitration treaty with the United States for the settlement of all difficulties that may arise between that country and England. A resolution favoring fair trade was rejected by a vast majority.

February 22nd.

The Commons to-day negatived an amendment to the address, proposing the creation of a Tribunal on Judicial reform in Scotland.

Ferguson, Under Foreign Secretary, said no engagement had been entered into either with Italy or any other power, that was not known to Parliament.

Gladstone said he heard with extreme satisfaction the assurance that the Government had conducted a policy of harmony with France. He was content with the declaration just obtained. He earnestly hoped that, whatever happened in Europe, the unity of sentiment of all parties on the foreign policy would be maintained, thus doubling the moral force of England, and immensely increasing her power when constrained to interfere.

W. H. Smith congratulated the House on the tone of Gladstone, and said there was not the slightest ground for thinking anything had been done to trench upon the existing harmony with France.

The amendment was withdrawn.

DUBLIN, February 22nd.

The Exchequer Court has set aside the sentence of two months' imprisonment passed by the Criminal Court in the case of Walsh, editor of the *Westford People*, on the ground of irregular publication of the notices forbidding meetings of suppressed branches of the National League.

LIABILITIES OF DIRECTORS, MANAGERS AND AUDITORS OF PUBLIC COMPANIES.

The following cutting from the London *Standard* of 7th February last, may be of interest to the Directors, Managers and Auditors of local companies:—

"It is well-settled law that Directors are personally liable to refund dividends paid to shareholders where these dividends are not paid out of profits. By the decision in the Leeds Estate Building and Investment Company, Limited, (reported in the *Law Times* of Jan. 21) this liability has been extended to the manager of the Company who prepared the balance-sheet, and to the auditor who certified it. The Statute of Limitations will apply in an action against the auditor, but not against the Director or manager. A claim in this case has been found personally liable to refund the dividends paid to the shareholders for two separate years, as to which the Statute of Limitations did not apply. His fee was at first five guineas, subsequently increased to seven guineas, and ultimately to twelve guineas. The certificates he gave were in the following form:— 'I certify that I have examined the above accounts, and find them to be a true copy of those shown in the books of the Company. This decision will, no doubt, make managers or accountants of Companies and their auditors more careful in future. Some auditors have been of opinion that if they only gave a certificate similar to the above they escaped liability. This decision will dispel that idea. It has caused considerable stir among professional auditors, more especially as it is stated other actions are pending. In one of these it is alleged that leases were entered in the balance-sheet at cost, but that these leases, if properly valued, were not worth the cost; that a sufficient allowance had not been made for bad and doubtful debts; that goods manufactured by the Company, and consigned to agents for sale, had been valued at the price the agents would pay for them when sold, instead of at the cost of manufacture, that the price paid by the Company for trade marks, goodwill, and patents was excessive, and that a sufficient depreciation on this price had not been debited to profit and loss. It seems these allegations can be proved, it would appear that not only the Directors, but also the manager and the auditors, will have to refund the dividends paid."

NEWCHWANG.

The last mail "overland" will probably leave to-day for Tientsin, whence it may be despatched by steamer to the south. There will be no chance to write afterwards till possibly the beginning of April, for even if the ice breaks up about the usual time (St. Patrick's day) there may not be any steamer ready for cargo before the 25th instant, or later. It will be an advantage if there be at least one more courier to the steamer opportunities here to Shanghai, Europe etc. The last courier inwards will be next Saturday, 10th instant, and we hope to get late news, as perhaps Tientsin will then be open.

According to Chinese calculation spring commenced on 22nd day 12th month (3rd February). For two or three days afterwards the weather was comparatively mild, but after that very short spell of spring the coldest and most unpleasant three weeks were experienced of the whole winter, the thermometer going down to 8 degrees below zero, F., that is, 40 degrees of frost, with strong winds and heavy falls of snow. The ice is said to be at least three feet thick in the river, but a few days of thaw, such as usually occur in March, will soon put an end to the traffic by carts. In the early part of the cold season much snow is said to have fallen in Mongolia, and myriads of sand grouse were driven to these plains which remained open to them till lately. Sportsmen have made big bags, and natives have snared large quantities—so that the delicate bird has been easily obtained—perhaps not quite so cheaply though, as some years ago, when grouse were as cheap as eggs, and could be bought at 100 per Mexican dollar.

The distress in the interior has not been so great as the last two winters, the crops having been on a splendid scale last harvest. Still we hear of bands of robbers that have to be continually fought by the "braves" who occasionally get the worst of it. Several tigers have been brought down—and are to be seen in the native town. One of them is a very handsome beast with a splendid head. The value of a tiger for sale is from Tls. 150 to Tls. 250, the bones and other parts of the animal being prized as medicine. Tiger-skins are much more valuable than formerly, and very large skins are scarcely ever seen now.

The roads have been very good nearly all the winter and great numbers of carts have brought peas, oil and all kinds of produce from the country. Opium (native) has reached Moukden, in such quantity it is said that it quite interferes with the ordinary financial operations of traders. There is already much more prepared opium for sale at very much lower rates than the Indian drug—much of it can be consumed for the year. Possibly some of it may have to be exported. What an answer to the accusation that opium has been forced upon the Chinese at the cannon's mouth!—*N. C. Daily News*.

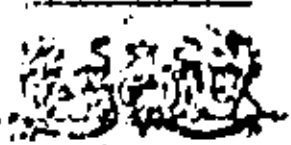
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Hongkong, 16th January, 1888.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

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HAVE JUST RECEIVED THEIR ANNUAL SUPPLY

LAWN GRASS SEED

SWEET CORN,

for immediate sowing.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1888.

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HONGKONG, MONDAY, MARCH 26, 1888.

GRAMS.

(Reuter.)

GERMANY.

LONDON, March 23rd.

Prince William is empowered to sign decrees and to discharge such state functions as may be indicated by the Emperor.

The health of His Majesty the Emperor continues to improve.

(From the *Courrier d'Haiphong*.)

GENERAL BOULANGER.

PARIS, March 16th.

Although General Boulanger is ineligible for election as a deputy, his candidature will be canvassed for at all the Paris elections. M. Clemenceau opposes.

GENERAL WARNET.

March 17th.

General Warnet has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the 13th Army Corps.

DEATH OF THE PRESIDENT'S FATHER.

March 18th.

Senator Carnot, father of the President of the Republic, is dead.

THE BUDGET.

The Chamber of Deputies has finished the debate on the Budget.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The concluding portion of our series of articles on the Dock Company will appear to-morrow.

The appointment of Commander Rumsey, R.N., as Acting Harbour Master and Marine Magistrate, is gazetted.

Two hundred and seventy-five thousand tons less of beet-root, for the manufacture of sugar, were grown in Europe during 1887 than in 1886.

The returns of the number of visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ending March 25th, are—Europeans 184, Chinese 1,928; total, 2,112.

An English philanthropist says there are no fewer than 30,000 gipsy children in England, of whom not more than 1 per cent. are able to read and write.

The quantity of rice imported into Manila from Saigon, from the 1st January to the 10th March was 1,942,127 piculs, against 1,628,291 during the same period in 1887.

To-day has almost drawn a blank in the Share Market, scarcely a single transaction worth mentioning having been reported. The only noteworthy change has been in Luxons, which are now in demand at 30.

"DOCTOR," she said, "it must require patience to be successful in your profession." "Yes, madam, patience," he replied; and as he dashed her off a ten-dollar prescription, added, mentally, "and rich ones too."

A Regular Convocation of Caihay Chapter, No. 1165, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, this evening, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely. Visiting companions are cordially invited.

It gives us very great pleasure to be able to announce that His Excellency the Governor has at last seen his way to authorize and put in hand the reclamation of the swamp in the Happy Valley. Tenders are now invited for the reclamation of this hotbed of fever; specification and particulars of which may be obtained by applying at the Surveyor General's office. The public may therefore look forward to having this very desirable and much delayed work completed by the end of the present year.

It has been officially notified that Monday next being Easter Monday, will be observed as a holiday in the Government offices.

The programme of the Spring Meeting of the Shanghai Race Club will be found in another column. Entries close on Saturday, April 4th.

"So you believe in cheaper whisky, do you?" "Certainly I do. Get the price of whisky down to a reasonable basis, and a poor man like myself, with a family to support, would have more money left to buy bread with."

The agent of the Messageries Maritimes Co. courteously informs us that the Company's steamship *Melbourne*, with the next French mail, will leave Saigon to-morrow at 2 p.m. for this port.

AUSTRIA's Educational Council has decided that permission to marry should not be absolutely withheld from female teachers, but has recommended the local authorities to throw as many obstacles as possible in the way of their marrying.

MR. Ruskin's last complaint is that the English have ceased to be English. He says that for the last thirty years "our weapons and tactics, our methods of trade, our standard of comfort, our conditions of life have all ceased to be English."

THE Turkish authorities are doing their best to discourage Jewish immigration in Palestine. Foreign Jews, freshly arrived in the Holy Land, are forbidden to stay there longer than thirty days. The Christians, especially those of the Greek Church, are treated much more indulgently.

THE steamer *Watergus*, the N. C. *Daily News* says, has been sold for \$55,000 and will fly the British flag. Messrs. Hewitt & Co. being the new Agents. Captain Kleffel, formerly of the *Ingeborg*, has been appointed to the command of the *Watergus*, which is to be called the *Fee Ma* or "Flying Horse."

A new plan of supplying the city of Paris with an abundance of pure water, has just been sent in by M. G. Ritter, who proposes to bring the water from the Lake of Neuchâtel, in Switzerland. The cost of the enterprise is estimated by him at 300,000,000 francs, and the time in which to complete it as six years.

THE *Correio da Manhã* hears that a military contingent of 150 Malabars is shortly expected to reach Macao from Portuguese India. Preparations are being made to quarter them in the Holy City. They are to re-inforce the Police force, which is said to be quite inadequate to repress the piratical fraternity at present infesting the colony. We wish the Malabars joy in their new undertaking.

THE United States heads the world in the matter of locomotive engines, with a horse-power of 7,500,000. Then comes England with 7,000,000 Germany with 4,500,000, France with 3,000,000, and Austria with 1,500,000. The horse-power of the steam-engines of the world represents the work of 1,000,000,000 men, or more than double the man-power of the whole working population. This means that steam has trebled man's working powers.

THE Band of the Northamptonshire Regiment will play at the Officers' Mess, Murray Barracks, to-morrow evening, commencing at 8 o'clock.

The following will be the programme:—"March," "Sweet Memory," "Smile," "Overture," "Die Frau Meisterin," "Supper," "Valse," "Dances Pantomimes," "Waltz," "Entrée," "La Colombe," "Cantata," "Cantata," "Faut," "Ballet," "L'assaut de l'air," "Verdi," "John Moran, Bandmaster."

A MAN who is concerned in the making of acoustic telephones has discovered that the efficiency of his machine is not in the least impaired even by several angles in the wire, consisting of 90° each. It has been stated that under these conditions he has conversed to a distance of nearly half a mile. If this statement be true, it is an advance in the acoustic telephone, which will render that instrument of considerable commercial value.

SIR Robert Ball, the Irish Astronomer Royal, in his recent lectures at the Royal Institution, has destroyed the accuracy of the following stanza of Wolfe's "Burial of Sir John Moore":—"We buried him daintily at dawn of night, By the smothering moonbeam's misty light, And the lantern dimly burning."

This careful astronomer has made his calculations, and has reached the conclusion that the moon could not have been visible at the burial of Sir John, as it would have been below the horizon.

SAYS the Shanghai *Mercury* of the 19th inst.—We regret to learn that, according to telegraphic advices received here, Mr. W. Kölling, Secretary at H.K.M.'s Consulate-General at Shanghai, died at Nagasaki on Saturday last. Deceased was connected with the German Consular service for the last ten years, we believe. Some eighteen months ago he went home on a year's furlough, to recruit his failing health, and returned to Shanghai, apparently much benefited by the trip. But a few weeks after taking up again his situation, his health commenced to break down, and on medical advice he went to Japan for change of air. His early death will especially be keenly felt by his local colleagues in the service, by whom he was highly esteemed, and by the extended circle of his friends and acquaintances.

REFERRING to an article on the unlucky names of vessels in the British Navy, which we reproduced from the *St. James's Gazette* the other day, a correspondent reminds us "that a copy of the *Royal Navy List* is supplied to all ships in H.M.'s Navy, and any person, from captain to cabin boy, may there read the history of his ship and of ships bearing the same name." No doubt our correspondent's statement is quite correct, but really we are unable to see what way it affects the very interesting particulars collated by the writer in our London contemporary. The object of the *St. James's Gazette*, we should imagine, was to amuse and interest the general public, rather than to enlighten the captains and cabin boys of the British Navy.

MR. W. M. Deane, Captain-Superintendent of Police, has been provisionally appointed an official member of the Legislative Council.

A CENSUS has been begun of the French carrier pigeons. They are regarded now as of such importance in the event of war that all owners are obliged to report their pigeons under a penalty of a maximum fine of 2,000.

It is very curious to read that St. Petersburg has only one steam fire-engine, and that the same precautions against fire are taken there and at Moscow as were in use a century ago. Watchmen are stationed on towers 75 or 100 feet high, and when a fire is discovered a signal is given and the Fire Department turns out.

In the yearly list of London charities which has lately been published it appears that their total income in 1887 was \$22,000,000. Of this vast sum no less than \$5,000,000 is spent on foreign missions. Another \$75,000 is spent on Bible and tract societies and "home" missions, while all the hospitals put together have an income of only a little more than \$500,000.

THE *Huap* states that the Chinese authorities at Foochow will pay Tls. 7,000 as an indemnity to the missionaries for the destruction of their chapel in Fuh-on district, Fukien Province, which was demolished by a mob last winter, and for which the missionaries demanded \$50,000. The Chinese officials will also give a piece of ground for the building of another chapel.

SUGAR refining by electricity is about to be attempted by a Brooklyn company, which claims to be able to convert a ton of raw sugar in two hours into hard-white sugar, at a cost of 80 cents, turning out 3,000 barrels per day. Present cost is from \$7 to \$10, and the time thirty hours. The inventor is Henry Friend, a French-American.

CONSIDERABLE damage has been caused by the late eruption of the Mayon volcano in the Philippines, whose activity has now subsided. On the 19th inst. twelve men were found completely carbonised by the lava thrown out. A great number of animals have also been killed. A telegram dated the same day from Albay says that the cone has been rent asunder, and that large quantities of ashes are collecting at Ligao.

MR. SALGSTER'S next organ recital will be given at the Cathedral on Thursday next the 29th inst. at 9 p.m. The following will be the programme:

Sonata, No. 2, Mendelssohn.
"Jesu, thou that Killest the Devil," (Mayer R. Lammert.)
Melody, Gullmann.
Prelude, Dr. Roberts.
Solo, (Haw.)
Andante from Symphony, Haydn.
War March of the Priests (Aldrich), Mendelssohn.
A collection will be made in aid of the Organ Fund.

THE General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States—a Church with a high reputation for orthodoxy—in 1886 sent to the various presbyteries the following overture:—"Shall Chapter xxiv, section 14 of the Confession of Faith be amended by striking out the last period thereof, namely, 'The man may not marry any of his wife's kindred nearer in blood than he may of his own, nor the woman any of her husband's kindred nearer in blood than of her own.' To this inquiry 156 presbyteries voted Aye and 11 No. The General Assembly has accordingly enacted that the said period be stricken out of the Confession."

A CORRESPONDENT writing of "the custom observed every fourth year of permitting the fairer sex to assume the rights and prerogatives appertaining to their brothers during the remaining three," says that a law enacted by the Parliament of Scotland in 1288 is doubtless the first statutory recognition of its existence. The law is thus quoted: "It is statut and ordaind that during the reigne of Her Maist. Blisheit Megacetic ilk fourth year known as Leap Year, ilk maiden lady of bairth high and low estait shall have liberty to bespeak ye man she likes; albeit, gif he refuses to tak hir to be his wyfe, he shall be mulcted in ye summe of one dundis or less, and his estait milt be, except and awid gif he can mak it appear that he is betroith to anoither woman, that he then shall be free."

The following is the translation of a numerously signed address which the inhabitants of Haiphong have sent to M. Constans, previous to his departure for France:

Haiphong, March 20th, 1888.

To Monsieur Constans, Deputy, and Governor-General of French Indo-China.

At a time when you are about to return to France, to place before the Government and the Chambers the programme of administration which you have acquired us with, and which is conformable to the wishes of the people of Indo-China, the colonists of Annam and Tonquin join their duty to again assure you of the full confidence they have placed in you. They are convinced that within a short period of time, and by your efforts, French Indo-China, having concluded her period of organization, will not require anymore credits from the treasury of the Republic, and will be able to take place both in our public man and in our politics, which have retarded the progress of Annam and Tonquin. You have informed the colonial residents of your determination to reside among them; they rely on your promise and feel confident that the Government of the Republic will maintain you a long time at their head, to complete the patriotic work to which you have devoted yourself. Rest assured, Monsieur le Gouverneur-General, that you will always find from all the colonies the most generous support.

WHATEVER may have been the direct cause which brought about the total collapse of the Hongkong and Macao Glass Company, it appears from a late New York paper that by a new discovery this island of granite rock possesses all the elements in its composition for the successful manufacture of glass, however little the sale of the article may be, or however imperfect the product. The Ellenville Glass and Sand Company, says our contemporary, has successfully experimented in grinding granite to a fine powder for manufacturing purposes, and the highly satisfactory results promise to revolutionize the greater part of the glass making business in this country. Heretofore a certain kind of sand has been necessary for making glass, but the experiments lately made, show that ground granite is a splendid substitute. The stones to be used as bed plates for grinding the flinty rock to powder, weigh over fifteen tons each.

We observe from the *Government Gazette* that a branch of the Harbour Department will be maintained at Hungghom, on and after the 1st April.

THE *Courrier d'Haiphong* is informed that M. Richaud, the newly appointed Resident-General of Tonquin, will not reach his post for some time. As M. Constans, the Governor-General, returns to France to place before the French Government the exact situation of Indo-China, M. Richaud will assume the Acting Governor-Generalship in his absence. M. Klobukowski is to accompany M. Constans to France.

A NOVEL and ingenious application of electricity permitting the services of waiters to be dispensed with has lately been introduced into some of the Paris dining-rooms. The new waiter consists of a small electric tramcar running on rails-fitted to the dining-room table, and leading into the kitchen. The current is supplied from accumulators, and by means of a switch located near each guest, the car is under complete control, and plates, dishes, etc., are brought and removed with silence and rapidity.

THE following Government Notification, signed by the Colonial Secretary, appears in Saturday's *Gazette*:—"It is hereby notified that, pursuant to section 5 of Ordinance No. 1888, the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to direct that there shall be kept at the Registrar General's Office, by the Registrar General, a book to be called *A Catalogue of Books printed in Hongkong*, and that copies of books, &c., printed in the Colony shall be delivered to the said Registrar General at his Office, as prescribed by section 2 of the said Ordinance."

THE late Baron Albert von Dietrich of Strasburg was a descendant of Dominic von Dietrich, who signed the treaty by which Strasburg was ceded to France in the time of Louis XIV, and a grandson of Frederick von Dietrich, first Mayor of Strasburg during the Revolution, before whom Rouget de l'Isle first sang the "Marseillaise." Baron Albert always remained loyal to France and gave up all his official honors rather than take the oath of allegiance to Germany. He and his brothers were the first to introduce the Bessemer steel-making process into France. They employed 3,000 men in their foundries.

MESSRS. Bandinel & Co.'s Newchwang market report of February 21st states, that in regard to imports, matches, piece-goods, and a kerosine oil will most likely be out of stock in another month, and first arrivals should realize good prices. Sugar and iron are dull. In regard to exports the report says that large stocks of lucans have accumulated during the winter. Prices are moderate and we look for a good shipping season. It is probable that the river will open on the 25th March. The total number of vessels entered and cleared last year was 302, of these 208 were steamers and 94 sailing vessels, making a total tonnage of 208,904. Of these 172 were British, 91 German, 20 Chinese, 7 Danish, 3 Swedish and Norwegian, 2 French, 2 Siamese, and one each of American, Belgian and Dutch.

THE GARRISON SHOOTING CLUB gave their annual quadrille on Friday night last at the Commissariat Buildings, Queen's Road, the use of which had been kindly granted by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief. A great deal of care had been taken in transforming the extensive gallery into a ball room, and although the condition of the floor left something to be desired, there was really very little room for fault finding. The decorations were of the usual florid style customary in the colony, and set off the rooms to the best advantage. There was a very large attendance of guests, over two hundred being present, including a large proportion of ladies. Major-General Cameron, accompanied by the Misses Cameron and attended by his *aide-de-camp* and several officers of the Garrison, arrived early in the evening, and appeared to enter heartily into the proceedings. The civilian element was also strongly represented. Dancing commenced about nine o'clock to music supplied by a contingent of the Band of the 38th Regiment, and was kept up with undiminished vigour until an early hour in the morning. The arrangements were as complete as they possibly could have been, the Club committee doing everything in their power to ensure the comfort of their guests, and in this important respect they fully succeeded. Everything passed off most harmoniously, and the Garrison Shooting Club can congratulate itself on having scored a bull's eye socially, and thereby brought itself more prominently before the Hongkong public than has yet been the case. Special thanks are due to the Stewards, consisting of Garrison Sergeant-Major Meredith, Mr. Varne, and Staff Sergeants Williams, Larkin, Mills, Adams, Lilly, Antobius and Braks, whose exertions ensured the success of a most enjoyable entertainment.

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